

NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, April 27, 2021

CDC Releases New Guidelines Today

Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

According to the new CDC Guidelines, if you don't meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated, the CDC states.

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated...

People who are fully vaccinated can start to do some things they stopped doing because of the pandemic, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Find out what's considered safe and what precautions should still be followed after being fully vaccinated. Read more.







Read more about the CDC's new recommendations for activities that can be done once you are fully vaccinated.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html

Read more about activities

• <u>If you are fully vaccinated</u>, you can start doing many things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

- When choosing safer activities, consider how COVID-19 is spreading in your community, the number of people participating in the activity, and the location of the activity.
- Outdoor visits and activities are safer than indoor activities, and fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely, without much risk.
- If you haven't been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine.



Choose the Safest Activities for You

Read about which activities are the safest. Scroll down on the this page for an extensive list. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html

Link to PDF:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/vaccines/pdfs/324153 choosingSaferActivities11.pdf

COVID-19 TESTING



All three Township testing locations will continue through May 31, 2021. Testing is free, and each location is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about COVID-19 testing by Curative, please visit the Township website, or www.curative.com. The three locations are as follows.

- The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, TX 77381.
- Rob Fleming Aquatic Center, 6535 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389. Appointments are recommended for this location and can be made <u>here</u>. (Please note-This location will move from the Rob Fleming Aquatic Center to The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park, 6464 Creekside Forest Dr., The Woodlands, TX

77389, on May 5, 2021.)

• Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

Vaccine Hubs and Waiting Lists

All adults are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas. Several COVID-19 vaccine hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. In some cases, appointments are no longer necessary. Learn more.

Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website. Another helpful resource for locating vaccines is www.vaccinefinder.org.

Questions?

The Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers call center hours Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Montgomery County residents, 65 years and older. Call 936-523-3916 during these hours to be assisted.

Harris County has established a hotline for their senior constituents through the HCP4 Encore Department. The HCP4 Encore staff is available as a resource to offer more information on the vaccination registration process from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 713-274-4050.



Vaccination Dashboard

Stay informed about the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.

COVID-19 Texas Vaccination Data Dashboard

A dashboard is available through the Texas Department of State Health Services showing COVID-19 vaccination data in Texas. Currently about 47 percent of the Texas population has been vaccinated. View the dashboard.

COUNTY NEWS

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to encourage residents to take advantage of mass vaccinations happening now in our county.

Multiple providers are offering first and second doses at Woodforest Stadium in Shenandoah every day this week. If you have questions, please call the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. The call center is available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lone Star Family Health Center, individual hospitals, physicians' offices, and pharmacies also have vaccines available for all adults. Please check their websites and Facebook pages for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the DSHS website here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx.

Today, an additional death related to COVID-19 is confirmed:

• A man in his 70s, from Willis, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

We offer our condolences to his family at this difficult time.

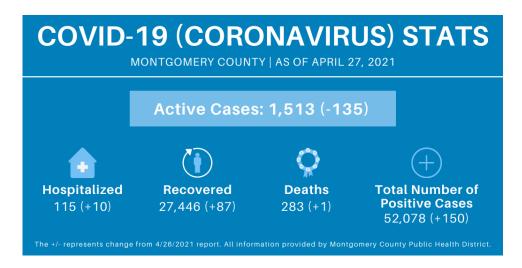
We can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 150 to 52,078 since Monday's (4/26) report. All 150 new cases were tested since 4/15/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 135 to 1,513 since Monday's (4/26) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, we account for additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more. Today, we added 197 inactive cases.
- 115 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 27,446 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 8% for the 2nd week. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.



SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 4/27/2021. Updates can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.

The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County and the City of Houston launched a new data hub website, replacing their previous dashboard. The new website features information and data related to COVID-19 in Harris County, trends, metrics for success, zip code data and much more. Be sure to use an updated browser to view the site.

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 4,369 confirmed positive cases with 143 active cases, and 77389 has 2,475 confirmed positive cases with 89 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department

Montgomery County

52,078 – Confirmed +653 1,513 – Active -161 283 – Deaths +5 27,446 – Recovered +468 115 – Hospitalized +7

Harris County

200,812 - Confirmed +1,858 5,768 - Active Cases -12 1,589 - Deaths +43 193,436 - Recovered +1,827

Montgomery County Testing

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 testing? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Harris County Testing

Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

CDC COVID Data Tracker

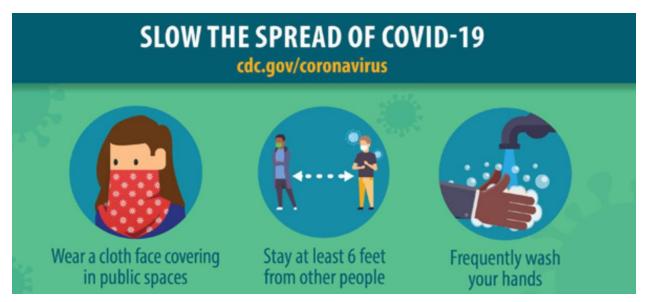
CDC's home for COVID-19 data, the <u>COVID Data Tracker</u>, has many tools and features to find data to help protect yourself, your family and your community. Data sets are updated daily, and new features are added every week. <u>Search for data by county.</u>

Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris County hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

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Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.



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